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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, MORNING, WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 8, 1976

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1. JIM ANDERSON, UPI, FROM BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

QUOTE: SEC OF STATE KISSINGER BEGAN A SERIES OF MEETINGS  
WITH WESTERN LEADERS TODAY, GIVING HIS FINAL ASSESSMENT OF  
THE WORLD SITUATION AS HE PREPARES TO LEAVE OFFICE.

KISSINGER JOINED HIS LONGTIME FRIEND CHRISTOPHER SOAMES FOR  
A 70-MINUTE BREAKFAST AT THE U.S. EMBASSY.

'WE DISCUSSED THE STATE OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS,'  
KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS AFTERWARDS.

SOAMES, WHO LIKE KISSINGER IS RETIRING, SAID THE TWO MEN  
COULD LOOK BACK AT 'THE RELATIONS AND ANXIETIES' OF 1973  
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AND THE IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 'WITH SOME SATISFACTION.'

SOAMES IS LEAVING HIS POST TO RETURN TO BRITISH POLITICS. FOLLOWING BREAKFAST, KISSINGER DROVE TWO BLOCKS TO THE ROYAL PALACE FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH KING BAUDOUIN BEFORE OTHER MEETINGS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY.

KISSINGER'S TALK WITH THE KING LASTED 45 MINUTES, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID. THE SECRETARY THEN HELD A 30-MINUTE MEETING ON THE MIDDLE EAST WITH VISITING CROWN PRINCE HASSAN OF JORDAN.

HE IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE NATO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL THURSDAY AND A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER'S SPEECH WILL DEAL WITH 'THE GENERAL SENSE OF UNEASE ABOUT THE SOVIET THREAT' AND THE CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW.

THE OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THAT A RECENT PROPOSAL BY SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV FOR A MUTUAL FREEZE ON THE MEMBERSHIPS OF NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE SOVIET MOVE WAS AIMED AT EXCLUDING SPAIN FROM NATO.

KISSINGER CARRIES WITH HIM A MESSAGE TO THE NATO COUNCIL FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER, BUT HE WILL NOT PRESUME TO SPEAK FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

THE OFFICIALS SAID SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE CYRUS VANCE DID NOT COME TO THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING BECAUSE HE ALREADY IS WELL KNOWN BY MOST OF THE FOREIGN LEADERS ATTENDING THE SESSION.

THERE IS A RELAXED, LOOSE ATMOSPHERE ABOUT THE KISSINGER PARTY ON THIS LAST OFFICIAL JOURNEY.

ON THE TRIP FROM WASHINGTON, KISSINGER PERIODICALLY WANDERED TO THE BACK OF THE PLANE TO CHAT WITH REPORTERS AND EXCHANGE GUESSES ON CARTER'S CABINET CHOICES.  
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REPORTERS WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE ANONYMOUS 'SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL - A VENERABLE FIXTURE ON KISSINGER'S PAST FLIGHTS WHO EXPRESSED THE VIEWS HELD BY THE SEC OF STATE - NO LONGER EXISTS.

HENCEFORTH, THE NEWSMEN WERE INFORMED, THE ATTRIBUTION MUST BE 'STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS,' WHICH MAKES

KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE  
OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS.

KISSINGER WILL FLY FRIDAY TO LONDON, WHERE HE WILL CONFER  
WITH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALAGHAN AND FOREIGN SECRETARY  
ANTHONY CROSLAND. END QUOTE.

RADIO/TV

1. BERNARD KALB, CBS RADIO, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

QUOTE: KISSINGER FLEW INTO BRUSSELS TODAY FOR THE  
ANNUAL WINTER MEETING OF NATO, AND HE PROMPTLY MADE  
IT CLEAR THAT, WHILE HIS TENURE AS SECRETARY OF STATE  
ENDS NEXT JANUARY 20, AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO NATO IS  
UNENDING. THE THEME OF HIS AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT -  
THAT THROUGH ALL CHANGES OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON  
NATO HAS BEEN THE CARDINAL COMMITMENT OF THE U.S., AND  
THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SO IN  
THE FUTURE. KISSINGER WILL READ A MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER TO THE NATO MEETING AT ITS OPENING  
SESSION ON THURSDAY, - THAT MESSAGE SAID TO STRESS THE  
SENSE OF THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE NATO ORGANIZATION.  
END QUOTE.

2. BARRY SCHWEID ON WTOP RADIO, WEDNESDAY MORNING  
QUOTE:

HENRY KISSINGER, ON HIS LAST DIPLOMATIC HURRAH, IS CALLING  
ON THE NATO ALLIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENSES AGAINST  
RISING SOVIET MIGHT. NATO, SAYS KISSINGER AS HE LANDS  
IN BRUSSELS, IS THE CARDINAL COMMITMENT OF THE U.S.,  
AND WILL REMAIN THAT AS A NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES  
OVER IN WASHINGTON. THE NATO ALLIES FACE A NUMBER OF  
MILITARY DECISIONS HERE, INCLUDING AN AMERICAN DRIVE TO  
NAIL DOWN A 2.5 BILLION DOLLAR SALE OF BOEING RADAR COM-  
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MAND PLANES CALLED AWACS. POLITICALLY, AMERICAN OFFICIALS  
SAY RELATIONS AMONG THE ALLIES HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER,  
ALTHOUGH ITALY'S INSTABILITY AND THE TURKISH-GREEK DISPUTE  
ARE TROUBLE SPOTS. END QUOTE.

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